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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT VISIT OF SOVIET
NEW TOWNS SPECIALISTS (10.06)

REQUEST EMBASSY PASS ASAP TO THERENTIEV OF GOSSTROY FOLLOW-
ING LETTER FROM WILLIAM WHITE, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN OF WORKING
GROUP 10.06:

MR. ALEKSEI O. KUDRYAVTSEV
SOVIET NEW TOWNS WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN
CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
STATE COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

DEAR ALEKSEI:
I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED JANUARY 3, 1978 IN WHICH
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YOU REQUEST ADDITIONAL WORK TIME AT HUD TO DISCUSS THE
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS, RAISE SOME QUESTION RE-
GARDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE MANAGEMENT REPORT, AND
INDICATE A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH THE SOVIET DELEGATION
WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING ITS VISIT TO THE U.S.

AS YOU KNOW THE FIELD PORTION OF THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN

FIRMLY ESTABLISHED FOR OVER TWO MONTHS AND ALREADY RE-

SCHEDULED ONCE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE AGREED UPON DECEMBER VISIT. THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT IN PREPARING FOR THE DELEGATION AND A DETAILED TRAVEL SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ARRANGED. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO CHANGE THAT ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM AT THIS LATE DATE.

WE BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH YOUR DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WILL BE COVERED IN EITHER ONE OR BOTH OF THE REPORTS AND DURING THE FIELD SESSIONS OR IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH HUD STAFF AND CONSULTANTS. OUR PRIMARY CONSULTANT FOR THE MANAGEMENT REPORT IS LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES AND WILL ATTEND ALL FIELD SESSIONS AS WELL AS THE WORK SESSIONS SCHEDULED AT HUD. SHOULD ADDITIONAL WORK TIME BE REQUIRED, WE CAN SCHEDULE A SESSION DURING THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1978 AT HUD.

THE DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE U.S. REPORT ON MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY CONFORMS WITH THE 1977 PROTOCOL AND IN OUR VIEW IS SUBSTANTIVELY CONSISTENT WITH THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE 1976 AGREEMENT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT CAN BE WORKED OUT TO YOUR SATISFACTION WITH THE

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WORKING GROUP DURING THEIR FORTHCOMING VISIT SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE THE MANAGEMENT REPORT ON SCHEDULE. SINCERELY,
WILLIAM J. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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